Societal Issues Sigma Scan

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ELSA
- The increasing utilisation of DNA data raises ethical questions
- Can we manipulate a person's brain?
- Will non-European countries overtaking Europe in scientific and technological development?
- What will the rising interest in applied science mean for basic research?
- Is the rise of applied sociology leading to a predictable society?
- What will the legal status of future AI and robots be?

Crime
- Virtually criminal: The rise of internet crime
- To arms: The growing use of lethal force in violent crime across Europe
- Who's looking at you? Increasing mass surveillance
- Serious, organised and networked crime: Criminal networks in the era of globalisation

Demographics
- Urban revival: the rise of Smart Cities?
- The challenges and opportunities of a sudden rise in asylum-seekers
- Globalised migration
- Deepening of the inequality gap
- "Global greying" to 2030 and the rise of the empowered senior citizen?

Education
- Learning for the twenty-first century
- The digitisation of knowledge: The wholesale transfer of conventional knowledge media to online sources
- A rise in home-education?

Group Dynamics
- Selfless or Self-Obsessed: The New Philanthropy?
- Online relationships and virtual sexuality
- Virtual communities, new behaviours?
- Gender challenge: Could Asian gender imbalances give rise to regional instability?
- The "dis-integration" of ethnic minorities?
- The boom in single households

Healthcare
- The global epidemic marches on
- Right to live, Right to die? Legalisation of assisted euthanasia
- The future War on Drugs
- Obesity on the rise
- Mind over matter: Successful mental health treatments lead to peak demand
- Bio-breakout: A world swept by pandemics

Religion
- The shape of Islam in the C21st
- Divine division: Could sectarian religious conflict engulf a major region?
- All Nations Under God? Decline of the Secular State
- Financial Faith: Choice, diversity and commercialism in religious practice
- The proliferation of new faith movements in Britain

Values
- Mass global tourism
- Continuing rise in the litigation culture
- From consumer to creator: The content revolution and the rise of the creative class
- The rise of individualism and the weakening of social cohesion
- The blurring of celebrity and polity
- The mainstreaming of ethical consumerism
- An end to state paternalism?: Reductions in regulations on society

Working Life
- The rise of homeworking and e-commuting
- Jobs for the girls: A female dominated workforce?
- Live to Work: Integration or Imbalance?